



PRESS RELEASE

Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory Appoints Prof Chan Soh Ha as Executive Director

Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL) and National University of Singapore (NUS) are pleased to announce that Professor Chan Soh Ha has been appointed the Executive Director of TLL with effect from 18 April 2011. He will work closely with TLL's Board of Directors and the Scientific Advisory Board to develop TLL into a world-class research institution.

Professor Chan is an Emeritus Professor of NUS. He was previously the Director of WHO Immunology Centre in the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine at NUS from 1976 to 2006, and was the Director of the National University Medical Institutes from 1999 to 2002. He headed the Department of Microbiology from 1991 to 2002 and was the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1999 to 2001. He has been the chairman of several committees such as the Subcommittee of Quality Control and Biological Standards for Hepatitis, Ministry of Health; Virus Exhibition Expert Advisory Committee, Singapore Science Centre; Immunology/Microbiology Peer Review Subcommittee, National Medical Research Council. He also serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of several well-known companies such as Merck Sharp & Dohme Ltd, SciGen Ltd and Sing Vax Ltd.

As an expert in the field of microbiology, Professor Chan has made major scientific contributions to the understanding of vaccination against infectious diseases in Singapore and the pathogenesis and host immune response to Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma (NPC). Professor Chan has also helped to establish Singapore as a leading centre for tissue typing in the Asian region. Some of his greatest achievements have been the discovery of a new Chinese tissue type antigen



called Singapore-2 and more recently, the new tissue type antigen called DR11CCY.

Professor Chan received his Ph.D from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the Monash University, Australia. He is presently a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, as well as, a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia.

Professor Chan Soh Ha says, "It is my great privilege to join TLL and the management to build upon the achievements that TLL has made since its inauguration. I look forward to upcoming developments and working with the TLL community to bring about success for the institution."

Said Prof John Wong, Deputy Chief Executive of the National University Health System and Dean of the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, "I am happy that Prof Chan is taking on the additional leadership role as Executive Director of the Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory. His vast experience will undoubtedly help position and push TLL as a world leading research facility."

Dr Tan Guong Ching, Chairman of TLL says, "We are extremely proud of Prof Chan Soh Ha's appointment as TLL's Executive Director. His credentials and achievements are outstanding and internationally recognized. We firmly believe that he will provide great leadership and foresight at TLL."

Professor Chan Soh Ha is the recipient of several awards and accolades such as the Asia Pacific Society of Medical Virology Excellence Award in 2006, the Faculty Research Excellence Award in 2005, Singapore Society of Pathology Becton-Dickinson Award in Pathology in 1995, National Science & Technology Award in 1992 and National Cancer Institute Visiting Scientist Award in 1990.

Prof Chan's appointment in TLL runs concurrently with his existing portfolio in NUS.



About Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL)

TLL is a non-profit organisation established in 2002 to undertake cutting-edge research in molecular biology and genetics utilising a broad range of model organisms. TLL is affiliated to the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. Our vision is to create an environment which can attract the brightest young minds worldwide, support their research and challenge them to be leaders in their own fields.

About National University of Singapore (NUS)

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 15 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 36,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS has three Research Centres of Excellence (RCE) and 22 university-level research institutes and centres. It is also a partner in Singapore's 5th RCE. NUS shares a close affiliation with 16 national-level research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and NUS is well-known for its research strengths in engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. It also strives to create a supportive and innovative environment to promote creative enterprise within its community.

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